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SUBJECT: ARA GUIDANCES/BRIEFING NOVEMBER 23, 1984

1 GUIDANCES PREPARED FOR SPOKESMAN'S OFFICE NOVEMBER
 23, 1984:

-- NICARAGUA: MIG LEAK INVESTIGATION --

Q: THERE ARE REPORTS THAT SENATOR NUNN IS CALLING FOR AN
 INVESTIGATION INTO LEAKS OF INTELLIGENCE REGARDING
 POSSIBLE MIGS TO NICARAGUA. DOES THE DEPARTMENT SUPPORT
 THIS MOVE?

A: WITHOUT COMMENTING DIRECTLY ON ACTIVITIES OF THE U.S.
 CONGRESS, I REMIND YOU THAT SECRETARY SHULTZ AND OTHER
 ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS HAVE CONDEMNED THESE LEAKS AS

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UNAUTHORIZED AND DETRIMENTAL TO OUR FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL INTERESTS. THESE ACTIVITIES ADVERSELY AFFECT THE OPERATION OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. WHILE WE DON'T TALK ABOUT INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATIONS, THE MATTER HAS NOT BEEN DROPPED.

-- EL SALVADOR: ASSASSINATION OF LUTHERAN MINISTER --

Q: WHAT DO YOU HAVE ON THE ASSASSINATION OF A SALVADORAN, THE REV. DAVID ERNESTO FERNANDEZ ESPINO, A LUTHERAN MINISTER IN SAN MIGUEL?

A: WE NATURALLY DEPLORE THE MURDER OF THE REV. FERNANDEZ AND ALL SUCH INSTANCES OF VIOLENCE.

THE ONLY INFORMATION WE HAVE THAT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS MORNING'S PRESS REPORTS (W.POST AND NYT) IS THAT LT. COL. MIGUEL MENDEZ, COMMANDER OF THE SALVADORAN THIRD BRIGADE AND SUCCESSOR TO LT. COL. MONTERROSA, HAS PUBLICLY CONDEMNED THE ASSASSINATION AND PLEDGED FULL COOPERATION WITH ITS INVESTIGATION. (COL. MENDEZ AND MEMBERS OF THE MONTERROSA FAMILY HAD ATTENDED A RECENT GRADUATION CEREMONY AT REV. FERNANDEZ' VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.)

2. SUMMARY OF NOON PRESS BRIEFING, NOVEMBER 23, 1984

NO NOON PRESS BRIEFING HELD.

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